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All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors  
All Registered Lift/Escalator Engineers

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 5/2012**  
**Enactment of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618)**

I am pleased to inform you that the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) ("The Ordinance") was enacted on 18 April 2012. The Ordinance is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/index.htm>.

The Ordinance will replace the existing Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327). It introduces a series of enhanced control measures including strengthening the registration regime of personnel engaged in lift and escalator works, increasing the penalty levels of offences, extending the coverage of the legislative framework and enhancing the operational efficiency and enforcement effectiveness.

Two set of regulations viz. the Lifts and Escalators (General) Regulation and the Lifts and Escalators (Fees) Regulation to be made under the Ordinance were gazetted on 4 May 2012 (<http://www.gld.gov.hk/cgi-bin/gld/egazette/index.cgi?lang=e&agree=0>). In addition, a new edition of the Design Code and the Works Code will be published under the Ordinance. We tentatively estimate that the main provisions of the Ordinance and the regulations will come into operation in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Yours faithfully,



(W. S. CHUI)

for Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Director of Architectural Services  
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The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited  
The International Association of Elevator Engineers  
The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees  
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